TWO HUNDRED MEN KILLED.

EXPLOSION IN A BELGIAN COLLIERY.

FIFTY-SIX OF THE 270 MINERS IN THE PIT RES CUED - PRACTICALLY NO HOPE OF THE SAPETY OF THE MEN STILL ENTOMBED.

Brussels, March 11 .- An accident occured today in the Anderluis Colliery, near Charleroi, which it is feared will result in a great loss of Two hundred and seventy men were working in a gallery 400 feet below the surface, when there was a terrific explosion of fire-damp. Forty of the miners escaped by means of the second shaft, and sixteen others have been rescued, havreceived probably fatal injuries. The cage and the ventilator at the month of the pit were shattered by the explosion. The destruction of the ventilator adds an element of great danger to situation. The latest official estimate places the number of the dead at 206.

The explosion occurred at 8 e'clock this morn-The shock caused by it resembled an earth quake, and the ground for a large area in the region of the colliery rocked and trembled for foundations, windows were smashed, and crock- on the charge that, being a trustee under the wil and other articles of household ware were thrown about and broken. Almost before the tremblings caused by the mighty explosion had from their dwellings, and crowds of excited men, women and children flocked to the mouth of the pit. Almost every family in the place had a relative or friend among the men employed in the

As soon as the deadly fumes which had been rushing up the shaft in stiffing volumes had been dissipated, and it was thought that the pit could be entered with some degree of safety, a willing band of hundreds of brave men volunteered to descend into the abyss and begin the work of Arrangements were quickly completed for making a thorough search of all the chambers and galleries in the mine, and the first band of rescuers were lowered down the shaft amid a

The searchers had to proceed with much caution, s the huge pile of rubbish which continually barred their passage had to be removed before any advance could be made.

There was a long interval of suspense before at the mouth of the pit that the rescuers had and others testified in the prisoner's behalf. reached some of the miners and were ready to have them hoisted up. The cries and prayers of the crowd were redoubled as the men at the windlasses at length completed their work and the limp and blackened forms of from thirty to forty of the miners were disclosed to the straining eyes of the weeping multitude. All the victims were either dead or barily injured, and the face of

were either dead or badly injured, and the face of each was feerfully disagreed. A great sheet of flame must have swept through the mine, as the hair, beards and eyelashes of all the unfortunate men had been completely burned off, and their bodies were badly burned.

The crowd surrounding the mouth of the pit had constantly increased in numbers as the day were on and as the news of the catastrophe spread throughout the surrounding country. The large force of gendarness which had been hurried to the scene was almost unable to cope with the unreasoning crowd. Of the men thus far brought out of the mine alive, only a few are likely to recover.

The noxious gases which still prevail in the mine, owing to the ventilator being destroyed by the explosion, greatly retard the work of the rescuing parties. From the condition of the mine as reported by the life-savers, hardly a shadow of hope is entertained that any of the miners who are still entombed can survive.

The Ministers of Husbandry and Public Works are at the scene of the disaster, and are personally directing the operations of the rescuers.

ABOUT 400,000 MINERS TO STOP WORK.

MAGNITUDE OF THE "STRIKE" WHICH DEGINS IN GREAT BRITAIN TO-DAY.

London, March 11 .- When the night shifts left the mines in Durham this morning they brought their tools with them. This was done in accordance with yesterday's decision, which makes the coal "strike" a It was thought that the miners would reonsider their determination to take a holiday, but the output, so as to prevent the mine-owners from making any reduction in their wages. The latest estimate places the number of miners who will quit work to

which it says that all its members must stop work to morrow, except a few surface men, water pumpers and ventilator attendants. No coal must be raised from the shafts. The manifesto adds: "We expect outside districts to remember that the members of the Miners' Federation are taking a holiday for the sol purpose of clearing the markets of surplus coal, while has been used by speculators in a system of unfair trading, closely akin to gambling. We trust that our action will not only avert the menaced reduction of the Scotch, South Wales and Northumberland miners." The manifesto entreats the men employed The manifesta entreats the men employed n Scotland, South Wales and Northumberland, none of whom belong to the Miners' Federation, as they have associations of their own, not to work during the "strike" more than the four or five days a week that

A miners' conference will be held on March 16, to decide upon the date on which the men will resume

A question which seriously troubles the Miners' Federation is that of the payment of the miners during their period of idleness. As giving some idea of the size of the sum that will be necessary to pay the large number of idle men, there may be cited the case of three colleries near Manchester, t. o combined pay rolls of which amount to £15,000 weekly.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT IN THE COMMONS. ADOPTION OF A MOTION MADE BY AN ANTI-

London, March 11.-In the House of Commons to-tay, John Gordon Swift MacNeill (Anti-Parnellite), member for South Donegal, moved to strike out the names of Lieutenant-General Sir Lewis Pelly (Constitutionalist), William L. Ashmend Eartlett-Eurdett Courts (Conservative), and Sir John Henry Puleston (Conservative from the list of members of the House who voted lanight for the credit of the Mombasa rallway survey. which was carried without a division. There was a long discussion of the motion, the principal speakers being Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Balfour, Finally a vote was taken, and the motion was approved, 154 members voting for it and 149 against it. The announcement of the vote

result is considered a defeat for the Government. Messes, Balfour, Goschen, Ritchie, Chaplin and Chamberlain were included in the minority in the division on Mr. MacNelll's motion. The three members mentioned in the motion are understood to be share holders in the Mombasa Company. All the Liberal lenders and a few Unionists and Conservatives voiced with the majority.

RELIEF WORKS IN IRELAND.

London, March 11.-The elaborate statement issued by the Secretary of State for Ireland, Mr. Jackson, on the relief works undertaken in the distressed parts of statement was laid on the table of the House of Commons at the end of February, has provoked coniderable comment. Piers and bont-slips have been substructed at numerous fishing stations; mountain roads and bridges have been built; public paths which formerly were merely ruts have been converted into level highways; while dangerous portions of the highroads have been fenced, roads made across formerly impassable bogs, and large tracts of country drained. In many cases old wooden bridges have been replaced strong, substantial iros structures. An instance of the good work done is shown in the construction, at the fishing station of Rusheen, of a breakwater, inwhich the whole fishing fleet will which the safely at anchor. The we contains 5,600 cubic yards of masonry, and has already withstood several heavy Atlantic gales. Again, making of a road from Costello Bay to Galway.

\$642,400 being paid to the peasants for labor. The total expenditure on the works amounted to \$802, 50. The largest sum was spent in Galway, where money was most needed, \$228,235, being expended in wages for the thirty seven Works undertaken.

HE HAD PLUNDERED A TRUST FUND. A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SENTENCED TO FIVE

YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE London, March 11 .- At the Old Bailey to-day entence was passed that will without doubt result in another expulsion from the House of Common to be ignominiously expelled. The first was Cap for procuring a girl for immoral purposes; the second the third expulsion will probably be that of George Woodgate Hastings, Member for the East or Bromgrove Division of Worcestershire, who was to day

ince April, 1890. He is sixty-ix years old. time ago he nade a visit to the Continent, and up the sum of £215,000, which had been invested of of property mortgage College Company (limited) and other trustees' e-tate consisted of various accurities and £4,000 in the new Loan, Land and Investment Company, all the trust funds had disappeared. The evidence showed that they had been solf

at by the defendant and appropriated. In Worcestershipe Mr. Hastings was a man of prom-He family have long borne an honored name or the Midlands. His high reputation for honesty and upon to undertake the duties of trustee

When Hastings was placed in the dock and the barges were read to him he replied in a clear voice Lockwood, who appeared for the prisoner, made an appeal for leniency in his behalf. He said that the reater part of Mr. Hastings's long life had been he stably devoted to the service of his country. and a wife and two small children, and Mr. Lockwe a signal was received from below by the watchers | Aberlare, Viscount Cobham, Mr. Parkinson, M. P.

In sentencing the prisoner, Judge Smith said it was verge of want. The judge added: "I know the tence is one of severity for a man of your years, be cannot give you less than ave years' penal service

FOR ELACKMAILING YOUNG NOBLEMEN.

MORELAND, THE OXFORD TUTOR, SENTENCED

TO TEN YEARS' PENAL SERVITURE. London, March 11 .- A large crowd, including many persons well known in society, assembled in the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, to-day, to fister to were Earl Russell, Lord Hothfield, Lord Ormathwall and the Earl of Chesterfeld. When Morebud wa arraigned he pleaded gully to the charge of attempt on the charge of extorting money from Lord Hothitele tude-practically a life sentence, for he is now sixty five years old. Prior to the passing of the sentence, Moreland made an elequent appeal to the court, ask

prosecution recited the circumstances of the case, in practically the same manner as at the preliminary stating before Sir John Bridge, in the flow Street Police names of Malitland and Moreland, wrote to severa willing to enter into immoral relations with them Legal proceedings were taken by the prisoner to er the latter placed the matter in the hands of his so-licitors, and the result was the arrest of Moreland on

Counsel for Moreland said be had advised his ellent to pived guilty. Moreland, he said, had acted a-inter at Oxford University for several years. Letters

showing that his mind was twisted in some way, Justice Smith, before whom the prisoner was ar raigned today, said that the enormity of Moreland Earl Russell's betrothed, Miss scott. The punishment he might indict was penal servitude for life. Taking into account the pri-oner's age and other circul nce, he could not impose a more lenient sentence in ten kesis, penal servinde. The prisoner wa gived from the courroom to the cells below weepin

BY-ELECTIONS FOR THE COMMONS. London, March 11.—Thomas Healy, McCarthyite, has been elected without opposition to fill the varancy for North Wexford in the House of Commons caused by the resignation in October last of John E. Redmond, who gave up his seat to contest Cork City in the in terest of the Parnellites. In this election Mr. Red-mond was defeated by Martin Flavin, McCarthyite, and he subsequently contested Waterford City, where

in the Parliamentary election in the Kirkcaldy Dis-rict to-day, Dalziel, the Ghelstonian candidate, reelved 2.567 votes, and Cox, Unionist, 1.531. The lection was made necessary by the death of Sir G amphell, the Gladstonian incambent. In the previous action Campbell received 2.614 votes and the Unionis

TROUBLE WITH LA BRETAGNE'S SEAMEN. Havre, March 11.- There was much excitement here oday, growing out of the refusal of part of the crew of the General Transatiantic Line steamer La Bretagne Captain Coiller, which is scheduled to sali to-morrow or New-York, to rejoin that vessel. The men co belief on the quay and acted in a riotous manner. They not only refused to go abourd the steamer then elves, but they attempted to prevent others from going on board; and when the latter persisted they were attacked and roughly handled. After several onflicts had occurred men to take the places of those who had refused to go back to their work were pro-cured and under police protection were placed on board the steamer.

THE ASSASSINATION OF VELCOVITCH. Constantinople, March 11.-Christo Low, a Bulzarian, who has been arrested here, has confessed that the Odessa Committee of Bulgarian Refugees recently commissioned him to murder Dr. Vulcovitch, but that he decilized, whereupon two Russians, unknown to him were intrusted with the task and carried it out.

A REIZZARD IN AUSTRIA. Vienna, March 11.-A blizzard is raging in Northern Austria and Hungary. The snow has made the roads impassable. Many railway lines are blocked, and son trains are imhedded in the snow. Traffic in Vienna was suspended for a few hours this morning. American visitors declare that the storm is fully equal in severity to a Western "blizzard." The strests are covered with deep snow.

A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY IN ONTARIO. St. Mary's, Ont., March 11.-William Pridham, Conervative, was elected to the House of Commons day for South Perth, defeating James Trow, Liberal, by a small majority. Trow's majority at the general election was 177.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY THEATRE BURNED. London, March 11.-The Oxford University Theatre eas partially destroyed by fire at midnight last night. No performance has recently been given at the theatre.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S CONDITION. Berlin, March 11 .- The Emperor left his bed today, but by the advice of his physicians he remains confined to his room. This afternoon the Emperor received a deputation from the armored corps of the

FENENCE-A DUEL GROWING OUT OF

THE FOURMIES RIOT. Paris, March 11 .- "La Paix" to-day says that selgium will invite all the Powers to a conference

for common petion against the Anarchists M. Isane, formerly Sub-Prefect of Fourmies, the scene of the riotous demonstration on May 1, 1801, whe M. Dubois, a member of the staff of the "Intransi-ceant," Henri Rochefort's paper. The duel grew out of articles written by M. Dubois, in which M. Isaac was violently attacked for the part he had taken in the May Day troubles. M. Isnae proved himself the better swordsman, and inflicted a serious wound

The "Infranstreamt," Henri Rechefort's paper, day contains a violent article written by M. Rochefort, demander that M. Beaurepaire, the Public Prosecutor, the Public Prosecutor has subordinated the course

inteles like the above, which are all connected with the s deeply interested in that question. That is easily inderstood, in view of the Amarchist revolts in Spain. be riots in Italy, the famine troubles in Austro-Hun mry, and, still more recently, the three days' disorder and south. If to these evidences of genral discontent and of a revolutionary spirit throughout age with dynamite, and the fears of disturbances on the but the King of the that ht. pro-Socialist rescript of February, 1860

RESTISH INTEREST IN THE FAIR AN IMPORTANT MEETING AT THE MANSION

HOUSE, LONDON-AMERICAN NOTES. London, March 11 .- A meeting presided over

culty. Great Britain must exhibit, unless she wanted to be benten by other nations in the markets of the world. Sie Philip Candide Owen, a member of the

Royal Commission, expressed similar views.

Sir Albert Rollit, M. P., said that British goods ex selling price, to open a cleyes of the visitors to the

Washington, March 11.-Mrs. Potter Palmer to-day made an address before the special House Committee on the World's Columbian Exposition, urging favorable action on a bill before the committee to appropriate \$105,000, to be disbursed directly by the board of Lady Managers of the Expection. She urged that the Board of Lady Managers should be independent of the National Commission, and should be permitted to ex-pend moneys subject only to the approval of the Sec retary of the Treasury. She gave an interesting state ment of what the board proposed to do in the depart

ment of what the hoard proposed to do in the depart ment of women's work, and said that it was the in tention to miske a very complete exhibit of the handl work of the women of various countries at differentiages in civillization. Gallimore, March 11, Cardinal Gibbons has a lette from hishop beth, of Carthasena, Colombia, in which the bishop promises to send a hell 788 years old for exhibition at the World's Fair. The Cardinal wrote is letter to Bishop beth, at the request of secretar finding, asking that the bell be lent for exhibition.

IDAHO WILL SHOW A HERD OF ELK. Boise, Idaho, March 11.—The World's Fair Commi-ioner for Idaho has made arrangements to exhibit heid of elk at Chicago in 1893. The animals are now in Bingham County, and will be taken care of until wanted.

THE DOWNFALL OF MR. MERCIER Montreal, March 11.—Mr. Mercier is reported to have recovered his spirite, and to be in much better health. He has still an interest in the law firm of Mercier, Beausoliel & Co., which has an extensive practice and he will at once resume the practice of his prosion. His friends declare that the Conservative will not dare to carry out their threats of procentic against him. "La Presse" and other leading Coservative papers are calling for his arrest and trial It is likely that, although Mr. Mercier has offered hi resignation, it will not be accepted. A promin onservative said to day that the Government would tot be content with anything less than his expulsio Ottawa, March 11. The Merclerite members ar low back from the Quebec campaign. feel sore. Touching the results of their labors, they uncommunicative; but those of them who are ned to talk are also disposed to plame the defeated

A BRITISH STEAMER BELIEVED TO BE LOST. London, March 11.—The wreckage reported to has been seen on the evening of February 28 by the Britisl stenmer Fing Sucy, at Glasgow from Nagasaki, is be lieved to have come from the British steamer Deni-liate Wyndecliffe), which sailed from Carthagena o February 23 for Middlesborough. It is thought prob able that the Denia was sunk by collision on the ing of February 28.

PROPOSED CANADIAN CONTRACT LABOR LAW. Chicago, March 11.-A disputch from Ottawa says A bill has been introduced in Parliament to prohibi the importation and immigration of foreigners unde contract or agreement to perform labor in Canada This is a retaliatory measure against the United

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT MENTONE. Mentone, March 11.—The Prince and Princess of Wales and their party arrived here at 7:40 o'clock this morning. They were driven from the railway station to their ville in open landaus. The weather

TRAFFIC ABANDONED ON SOME-COUNTRY

ROADS IMPASSABLE FROM DRIFTS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Amsterdam, N. Y., March 11 .- Not since the

great blizzard of four years ago has there been such a storm in the Mohawk Valley as the one that has been raging since an early hour this morning. During yesterday afternoon and evening it mined, and about 12 o'clock a high wind set in which up to this evening has continued unabated accompanied with a heavy fail of snow, country roads are impassable. The storm is seriously interfering with trains on the West Shor and Central railroads. Only two have passed east since 9 o'clock this morning, and they were made up at Utica. Up to 6 o'clock to-night the gale had not abated.

Kingston, N. V., March 11 (Special).-It has been snowing and blowing violently in Delaware County this afternoon, and the drifts are piling up rapidly The Ulster and Delaware trains were detaine

by the storm. Auburn, N. Y., March 11.-This city was no slighted by the blizzard. A heavy fall of snow and high winds have prevailed since early last evening. Only one train has passed through on the Auburn road. A passenger train, a freigh and a relief train are stalled at Anrelius. Traffic is also suspended on the Lehigh Valley, north

Elmira, N. V., March 11.-A blizzard struck this city about noon yesterday and continued throughout the night, snow falling to the depth of several inches. The wind has caused the snov to drift badly in many places in the Southern Tier and trains on all the railroads are late Travel on the Elmira, Cortland and Northern Railroad is suspended.

Buffalo, March 11.-The storm here was no serious, and there is no detention to travel on

Syrnouse, N. Y., March 11.-A blizzard has raged here since yesterday afternoon. The mer sury is at 25 degrees above zero, and the wind is coming from the northwest at a sixty-mile-an ireat drifts of snow are in the main streets and but few horse-cars are running. A stock train from the west on the Central road became stalled violent enemy of the socialists. This magistrate is also well known as the author of light rovels, which he published under the pseudocymes of Glovet and Lacie paid all trains are getting through, but are far

castbound train due at Utica at 7 a.m. left here at 12:15 p. m., and got stuck in a snowbank near The westbound trains were not so late, but found hard running between here and syracuse. The enstbound trains on the West Shore were about two hours late.

Rochester, N. Y., March 11.—The wind is blow ing at territo speed, drifting the snow, causing auch annoyance to street curs and railroads. of the roads leading into the city from

under, with about all its roads impossable. In Wayne County the drifts are six feet deep. yesterday afternoon about three feet of

degrees since the storm began. The barometer is rising. The city schools are slimly attended, and in the country districts many are closed. Lambering and angar making have been interrupted.

Oswego, March 11.—The blizzard has complete possession of this town and all radronds are blocked. There are no mails and wires are down. In No trains have been run in or ant of Oswego to day. Endrond curs are filled to the top. There are drifts in the principal streets for feet deep.

Nearly all business has stopped. It is the worst storm in years.

orm in years. Putsfield, Mass., March 11 (Special).-A heavy Pittsfield, Mass., March 11 (Special).—A heavy westerly gale, accompanied by bluding snow, prevailed here to-day. There was not enough snow a the ground seriously to interfere with travel, lowever. Many wires are down. A full of thirty egress in temperature took place within twenty our hours. Limbs of trees were blown down, and ther damage done. The mercury stands at ten those to night.

Albany, March 11 (Special).—An unusually high wind has nevyalled here all day but there has

Albany, March 11 (Special).—An unusually high-wind has prevailed here all day, but there has been no fall of snow. The wind was from the west and its velocity was forty-five miles an hour. The snow extended to within sixteen miles west of this city, where it was more than a foot deep. About 5 o'clock this evening the first train since s o'clock this morning reached here from the West, and about 7 o'clock a second train came in. The crews reported rough experience. In the Mohawk Valley the snow is heavy and drifting. The Signal Service office in this city does not look for any storm here. The officer in charge says it has left Albany and vicinity out of its it has left Albany and vicinity out of its

LIVES LOST AND CROPS INJURED.

FURTHER REPORTS OF THE WORK OF THE STORM IN THE WEST AND NORTHWEST.

St. Faul, March 11. - The damage do is by the blizzard grows in extent as the different points of the North-west are heard from. The damage at Duluth is esti-mated at \$100,000. Nelson Blackmer was lost in the bilizzard near Albert Lea and has not yet been found. At the town of Badger, Iown, Thomas Onesome wal-down from a wagon and his neck broken, killing him ustnutly, and others were less seriously injured by Frank Braithwalte was frozen its wife and two children were with him, but were Chicago, March 11.-Reports from various cities and

owns throughout Iffinois are to the effect that winter wheat has been greatly damaged by the recent blizzard. Topeka, Kan., March 11.—Reports are coming in f great damage to winter whent by the recent blizzard ome of the reports say thousands of acres are black Especially is the injury noticed or

he bottoms. Benton Harbor, Mich., March 11.- Fears are enterained that yesterday's blizzard has seriously damaged he peach buds.

Milwaukee, March 11.-A dispatch to "The Wis consin," from Menominee, Mich., says: "A stage party was caught in a snowsterm between here and party was caught the sturgeon Bay vesterday. The horses broke through but were rescued, the stage and contents going to the bottom of Green Bay. The travellers started to walk to Menominee, but got lost. Two arrived at Peshtigo with the team last night and three got here Peshtigo with the team last hight and three got here this morning. 'Ed.' Gillen, of Racine, a woman and a little girl of seven and an old man wandered about and finally sought shelter in a fish shanty. They were nearly freezing to death, but managed to reach shore this morning.'

New Rockford, N. D., March 11.—Ole Larson was frozen in yesterday's storm.

Humboldt, hown, March 11.—The gale here capsized John Owenson with his loud of hay, and broke his heek. It demoished G. H. Shelloem's 200 foot burn it threw John Oleson upon the ground and broke his skull.

skull.

Devil's Lake, N. D., March 11.—Three farmers named Garsker, and "Gas" Germain, were overtaken by the storm when near home. They were all frozen

town of Torgan, and about 360 of the lending reddents of that place, hended by the Burgomaster of
Torgan.

THE BLIZZARD IN THE EAST.

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THE DELAY IN EAST BOUND TRAFFIC. SERIOUS EFFECT ON THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL'S BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT VOOR-

HEFS'S REPORT. Superintendent Theodore Voorhees, of the New-York clock last night receiving and answering telegrams in regard to the verious delays to traffic in the central part of the State caused by the storm. The east-bound trains were more delayed than the westbound, the castbound track being covered with snow from five claiming that under Mr. Hill's leadership the to eight feet in depth at various points between Canastota and Oneida. It would be impossible, Mr. Voorhees said, to clear that track for use before to-day, easthound trains being sent over the other tracks, all

of which were reported clear last night. The extent of the delay to eastbound business is shown by this report of passenger trains received at the grand Central Station late last night. The Southwestern afe; the Chicago limited, due here at 7:30 p. m. as eight hours late; the New-York Express, due at 50 p. m., was seven hours late; the special New York Express, due here at 7 p. m., was eleven hours ate, and the North Shore limited, due at 3:45 p. m. as fourteen bours late.

of the storm. It was confined within the limits of Utica on the east, Rochester on the west, the north. line in the vicinity of Syracuse. The American The electric | Express and the fast mail, both due in Buffalo about 30 s. m., arrived there twelve hours late. The Emsyracuse. Eastbound trains, after getting through \$2,000,000, it is found that Mr. Wemple the streets of Syracuse, were held by the saow east of No trains were expected over that road norming. No freight at all was moving, ex-

WIND AND COLD CONTINUE. NEW YORK HAS ANOTHER BLUSTERING MARCH

New-York couldn't have a blizzard as a leap year gift, because the storm centre suddenly shifted off to the north. But it got a goodly share of violent and vild weather. With the rising of the wind, after midnight yesterday, the temperature fell rapidly, and all day long the earth was frozen as hard as though it had been the middle of winter. On the water the gale On the water the gale eigned free and unobstructed. It made the Bay a response. The Staten Island ferrybonts rolled enough to arouse sad thoughts in the owners of sensitive omachs, and the tugs were simply a mass of ice and a

green of the waters. At Ellis Island, some time before yesterday morning, the heavy sea caused by the gale pounded one of Watertown, N. Y. March 11.—Blizzard weather the pontoons of the ferry slip so severely that it debts as administrator of the State's affairs. tout J. H. Brinckerhoff to spring a leak, and she States Government to swell Mr. Hill's Presidential was therefore token to Jersey City for repairs after her erally plies between the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-

and railroads are impassable. The thermoneter at 9 0 coocs a, m. registered about 17, a fail of 23 degrees since the storm began. The barometer is trising. The city schools are slimly attended, and in the country districts many are closed. Lambering and angar making have been interrapted.

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TORNADO AND GALE IN DELAWARE. Bridgeville, Del., March 11.—The tornado and gale at passed over the lower part of Delaware last night did its worst work at Greenwood. It wrecked the tine tarn of Simon Pennewill, causing a loss of about his steam mill, and the house of John Davis at S ave been hadly damaged in this section. A child was bodly burt at a farmhouse near here. Two cars of

VERSELS BLOWN OFF THE COAST. Ashary Park, March 11 (special). The windstorm which has raged all day along the coast has been the been caused to shipping, as the wind blew with terrific velocity off shore that it was impossible for any vessels to strike the heach. The wind blew down chimneys, signs and trees. Many unfinished cottages were damaged, and telegraph and telephone wires broken.

A THUNDERSTORM AT CAPE COD. torm passed over Cape Cod Inst night. The wind blow almost a gale and rain, hall and snow fell,

MES MARY HIMPLER EXONERATED.

HE DID NOT KILL HER BROTHER UNTIL HE ASKED HER TO DO IT.

The Coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. Mar Himpler, who killed her brother, William Henry colum, at the christening of the youngest child of Mrs. John Weigand, at No. 165 Seigel-st., Brooklyn on sunday night last, found a verdict last night exserating the woman from all blame. When Mrs timpler heard the verdict she fell in a swoon.

The killing of McGinn has been fully told. first assaulted his sister and the latter while suffering om the effects of the beating she had received d from the charts of the beating she had received ac-clared that if he was not her brother she would kill him. McGinn then produced a knife and handing it to her told her to carry out her threat. She then plunged the knife into his heart. Coroner Lindsey on hearing the verdict discharged the prisoner.

ORDERED TO APPEAR IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago, March 11 .- An order has been issued out o New York to appear before the Federal District Court at springfield, Ill., to answer to an indictment charg-ing him with swindling people by seiling them socalled lottery bonds of Austria and other European countries. Horner and his agents have done an ex-tensive business in this line all over the country, but the authorities have been unable to make a case hold against them. Postoffice Inspector Stuart said to-day he believed that Horner and those back of him had made \$20,000,000 by selling these lottery bonds to poor and isnotant people.

MRS. TERRY IN AN ASYLUM. San Francisco, March 11.-Mrs. Sarah Althea Terry

was taken to the Stockton Insane Asylum this after obedience to instructions from the Commis THE STATE TAX RATE.

HILL'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS INCREASE.

VIEWS OF PROMINENT DEMOCRATS A YEAR AGO -CONTROLLER WEMPLE'S ESTIMATE ONLY

\$1,927,000 OUT OF THE WAY-USES TO WHICH THE DIRECT TAX FUND

MIGHT HAVE BEEN APPLIED. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNET

Albany, March 11.-The State tax rate will be much higher the present year than it was last What is the cause of this sudden increase in the imposition of State taxes? The answer to that question will be found partly in certain proseedings of the previous Democratic Administra tion; and partly in the failure of the present Democratic Administration to pass through the

Legislature much-needed taxation measures. Voters first should turn their attention to the ets of the last Administration, as related to the oming increase of the State tax rate.

David B. Hill, a year ago, thought it would improve his prospects of nomination for President by the Democratic party if he should pose as a State Executive of an exceptionally economical nature. Accordingly, he persuaded Controller Wemple to make representations to the Legislature of such a nature that it adopted a remarkably low State tax rate. sent out circulars all over the United States, pro-State of New-York had so reduced its expenses that it had lessened its State tax rate to the lowest point it had reached in thirty-six years. Naturally, these circulars made no mention of the fact that every particle of the reduction of the State tax rate that was legitimate was due to the economy of the Republican Senate, and to the effect of the passage by Republican Legislatures, years before, of laws taxing corporations and inherited property. But, as was revealed by Controller Campbell's remarkable letter to the Legislature on Wednesday night, it now seems that Mr. Hill's low State tax rate, about which his friends bragged, was largely illegitimate.

Mr. Campbell, in that letter, informed the Legislature that Controller Wemple, a year ago, made an erroneous estimate as to what the State's receipts would be from the Direct Suc-Mr. Wemple had said they would be \$2,000,000; whereas, up to the present day, only the sum of \$24,000 has been received from that source, and all that can be hoped for in addition in the present fiscal year is \$49,000, or a total Subtracting the \$73,000 from the was only \$1,927,000 out of the way in his estimate. What is worse for the State in this "error" of Mr. Wemple is that he counted this \$2,000,000 among the State's assets for meeting his liabilities in the present year. If he had not made the statement he did make to the Legislature of 1891, the State tax-rate last year would have been correspondingly higher.

But then, Mr. Hill, great financier as he is; ould not have sent out circulars to other States, bragging that he had reduced State taxation to the lowest point in thirty-six years." Moreover, Governor Flower and the present Democratic Legislature must pay the bill which Mr. Hill evaded paying last year; and in order to do it, Controller Campbell said, in his letter to the Legislature this week, that the present Democratic administraion must take possession of the \$2,200,000 handed by the United States last year to the State of New-York in payment of its claims under the direct tax paid by the State in 1861.

Thus a great fund will disappear, which it was fondly hoped by many would be used for some State enterprise of value and magnitude. ra, with running waves, white-capped and high, and thought it might be employed for that purpose. wells which made even the sound steamers rock in | The Forest Commissioners have been of the opinion that it might well be used to create a magnificent State forest preserve in the Adirondack Wilder-Superintendent Draper, of the Department of Public Instruction, has suggested that it be used to increase the State school fund. But no; it is to be "thrown into a well" to pay David B. Hill's sank, and other parts of the slip were also injured. Properly, it should be considered as a special fund of \$2,000,000 generously contributed by the United

> It is interesting to recall what prominent Democrats said a year ago about this disappointing Succession tax. Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan, in his farewell speech to the Assembly on April 30. 1891, as Speaker, said: "The new Succession Tax \$2,000,000 a year, received prompt attention and approval here." The day before Controller Wemple, in a humbugging letter addressed to the Legislature, had said: "I am glad to inform you that by prudence and economy of administration and vigilance in the enforcement of the laws imposing corporation and other special taxes we are now in the happy condition of having sufficient funds on hand to pay all obligations created by the present Legislature against the general fund, so there will be no necessity of levying any tax this year for that fund. The entire freedom from taxation in the State for ordinary purposes this year is not secured by the payment into the treasury of the direct tax refunded by the Federal Government of \$2,213,330 86 collected in 1862." McClelland, the Democratic leader in the Assembly, in a speech praising this letter; of Controller Wemple, said: "But not only is the tax-rate this year lower than it has been in thirty six years, but there remains untouched in the Treasury, and not included in fixing the tax levy, the amount of the United States direct tax refund of over \$2,000,000. That money is not used, utilized or in any way estimated on to effect this great reduction, but remains in the Treasury, subject to appropriation by the Legis-

> But actually that \$2,200,000 of the direct tax refund was taken by Mr. Hill's Administration. It must be used to pay the appropriation bills of which he approved. That fact is revealed by Controller Campbell's letter, in which he declares, speaking of the direct tax fund: The money is needed in the Treasury during the urrent year as a safeguard against the succession ax deficiency; and at the end of the fiscal year. whatever remains should be placed to the relief of the taxpayers. To quote a somewhat trite, but none the less truthful, saving, 'The best place for a surplus is in the pockets of the people.'" Controller Campbell further confirmed the common opinion that he is using the \$2,200,000 of the direct tax fund to meet the appropriations approved of by Governor Hill by saying to-day to The Tribune correspondent:

"I deemed it prudent to send my letter to the Legislature, warning it of the failure of the direct

Legislature, warning it of the failure of the direct succession tax fund, because there are various schemes to use the direct tax fund; and because it is obvious, if the \$2,200,000 of the fund should be used to carry out any of these schemes, I should have to issue bonds for the support of the State Government, as there would not be sufficient money in the State treasury to meet the demands upon it."

Clearly then the direct tax fund is being used now by the Controller to pay the ordinary expenses of the State Government, expenses which Controller Wemple and Assemblyman McClelland declared would be paid by the direct succession tax. The present Democratic administration could keep down the State tax rate to a low point, but it shows no inclination to do so. It has been said that there are two ways to increase savingsone by greater economy of your income, and mother by increasing your income. Mr. Flower has signed the extravagant appropriation of another by increasing your income. Mr. Flower has signed the extravagant appropriation of \$800.000 for the new Capitol, and the General Appropriation bill before the Legislature is larger than that of last year. Moreover, the Democratio Assembly has killed Mr. Keeler's bill, taxing the indebtedness of corporations, and also his bill taxing the direct heirs of real estate above \$16,000 in value. No bill disclosing new lines of taxables